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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, January 20, 2015

12:00 Noon

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Representative Bruce Rendon, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Rendon, Goike, Forlini, Pettalia, Cole, Smiley, and Brinks. (7/8)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Gay-Dagnogo. (1/8)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 9, 2015 as printed.

Representative Cole moved to adopt the minutes of December 9, 2015 as printed.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 54 and 55.

SB 588 (Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; certain tribal conservation officers; authorize to demand hunting, fishing, or fur harvester's licenses.

Senator Casperson explained the bill to committee members, and introduced Dennis Knapp, Chief of Staff and Tribal Coordinator in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who provided an overview of the state and Native American Treaties. Discussion and questions followed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support, but did not wish to testify:

Kathryn "Candy" Tierney, Tribal Attorney for the Bay Mills Indian Community, who provided written testimony and is attached, and

Ron Khoury, Lobbyist for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 54 and 55.

SB 523(Schmidt) History and arts; historic

Senator Schmidt explained the bill to committee members and addressed questions.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, introduced Sandra Clark, Director of the Michigan Historical Center in the Department of Natural Resources, and explained the bill to committee members.

John Kennedy, a member of the Oneida Nation, testified in support of the bill. A copy of his handout is attached.

Ron Khoury, Lobbyist for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Smiley moved to excuse Representative Gay-Dagnogo from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.

There being no other business before the committee; Representative Goike moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:27 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Bruce Rendon, Chair

House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee